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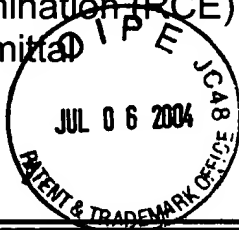
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First Named Inventor	Wharton, Brian K.
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****INVENTORS:** Wharton, Brian K.**TITLE:** Electronic Commerce System and Method**FILING DATE:** August 26, 1999**EXAMINER NAME:** Mark A. Fadok**SERIAL NO.:** 09/383,279**GROUP ART UNIT:** 3625**DOCKET:** 2140146000004/06296.010

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**RCE COVER LETTER AND  
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Honorable Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a filled-out form PTO/SB/30 in the above referenced application, by which applicant requests continued examination of that application. Please also find enclosed check number 13576 in the amount of \$770.00 as payment of the required RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e).

Applicant further petitions for an extension of time in the amount of three months. Applicant has already paid for a one month extension fee \$110.00, therefore applicant includes check number 13577 in the amount of \$840.00 to bring the total fees paid to \$950.00 as required by 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). Nevertheless, authorization is hereby given to charge any applicable or necessary fees or credit any excess payments to Deposit Account No. 50-0581.

Applicant does not make amendments at this time, but rather presents an argument summary below. Applicant re-presents the claims proceeding on the following page.